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S.2, Special Branch
REPORT

Date: January 21, 1935

Subject: Letter dated December 31, 1934, from the Netherlands Consulate-General ref: Lin Wen-tsin (林文進), a Japanese protégé of Formosan extraction.

Made by D.I. Kuh Iao-hwa

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In compliance with the instructions of the D.C. Special Branch of December 31, 1934, on the attached letter from the local Netherlands Consulate-General on the above subject, discreet enquiries made into this matter elicit the following :-

In spite of the fact that the Association for Mutual Help of Colonists (僑務協進會) - otherwise known as the Overseas Affairs Progressive Association - which was dissolved following the termination of the Sino-Japanese conflict in Chapei (1932), claims to have a communication address at No.15 Ta Tung Fang (大同坊), Route Prosper Paris, no office whatsoever relating to this institution has ever been established there. No.15 Ta Tung Fang is the home of Lien Sz Loh (劉士木), an ex-Chief of the South Seas Culture Department of the Chinan University, who is a member of the Standing Committee of the China-South Seas Culture Progressive Association of the Nanyang Middle School, Lunghwa Road, Nantao. He has been residing at this address since April 1932.

Lin Wen-tsin, a native of Formosa, is well known among local overseas Chinese circles as being an unscrupulous spy in the pay of the Japanese authorities. He was very active during the hostilities of 1932. At that time he occupied a room over the kitchen at No.56 Route Dollfus. Ostensibly he is a photographer by profession. As he is a man of unsavoury reputation, his movements are therefore very obscure. Diligent efforts made through various channels have as yet failed to obtain a copy of his photograph or to confirm the information of his possible visit to the Netherlands Indies. His description is as follows :-

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Age about 30, height 5'7", small thin face, large round eyes, prominent nose, long hair brushed back, usually dresses in Foreign-style clothing.

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Enquiry assisted
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Rub Tao-hwa

D. I.

Deputy Commissioner,

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Please inform "J" and comply with Mr van der Berg's request about return of papers.

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Above instruction carried out.

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**CONSULAAT-GENERAAL DER NEDERLANDEN
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TEL. AD. HOLLANDIA.**

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Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herewith the original of a letter I received from the Association for Mutual Help of Colonists (僑務協進會) and a translation thereof, regarding a certain Lin Wen-tsin (林文進), with the kind request to have enquiries made and if possible a photograph obtained of the person in question.

The address of the Association is :

大同人
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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Yours ever,

Chinese Secretary.

Widely scattered in
southern areas.

T.P.Givens, Esquire,
Deputy Commissioner, Special Branch,
Shanghai Municipal Police,

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Please. For inquiry and report
J. H.

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Shanghai, 26 December 1934.

Sir,

We have the honour to give you some information about a Japanese protege of Formosan extract with the name of Lin Wen-tsin (林文錦) (whether this is his original name is not known), about 30 years of age, tall, with long hair and big round eyes, dressed in western style. This person was a Japanese rascal in Amoy. During the Shanghai war, he came here to act as a low class spy, living at 56 Rte Dollfus and receiving a monthly pay of \$20. Last year he opened the Sze Tai Photo Studio in the neighbourhood of Chinan University, Chenju. He obtained goods from people under false pretences and seduced a woman of a decent family. We have heard now that he planned to abscond in the middle of this month, and would sneak into a place called Solo in the Netherlands Indies under a false name. He would pass on as a Chinese, and serve as a third class spy for the Japanese. We hope you will pay attention to this person, and do not let him mislead or abuse your good offices. As this is a matter that concerns the peace and order of the Netherlands Indies, we hasten to report to you.

(Seal) CHIAO WU HSIEH TSIN HUI.

(The Association for Mutual Help of Colonists)

No. 15 Ta Tung Fang, Rte Prosper Paris.

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Date ... March 9, 1938.

Subject... Allegations against Mr. Loh Ching Dz.

Made by... D. I. ... Pan Lien-pih

Forwarded by... C. G. ...

With reference to the attached translation of an extract from the Shanghai Daily News dated March 1, 1938 on the subject of Mr. Loh Ching Dz (罗经德), enquiries reveal that he is not in Shanghai, and it is reported that he is at present residing in Hongkong.

Mr. Loh Ching Dz started his career as a junior clerk in the Chinese Post Office, and served on the executive committee of the Postal Workers' Union. He also served on various organizations including the Shanghai Municipality Anti-Japanese and Chinese Emigrants Support Committee, the Support Committee of the French Tramway Strikers, the Shanghai Municipality National Salvation Committee to Resist Japan, the Shanghai Citizens' Rent Reduction and Exemption Movement Committee, the Shanghai City Government Provisional Council and the Shanghai Committee to Induce Prisoners Convicted of Political Offences to Repent. He also acted as Chief of the Civic Training Institute and Vice Chairman of the New Life Movement Service Group of the local Tangpu.

When the Northern Punitive Expedition led by General Chiang Kai Shek reached Shanghai in 1927, Mr. Loh Ching Dz, who was then in charge of the Postal Workers' Union, lent his aid and joined the ruling body of the expedition. A purification movement was later started by the Kuomintang, in which he participated and during which he became acquainted with Mr. Tu Yuez Sung. Through the recommendation of Mr. Tu Yuez Sung, he was appointed Chairman of the Shanghai General Labour Union, and at the same time became a follower of Mr. Chen Lih-Fu (陈立夫), former Chairman

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of the Standing Committee of the Central Kuomintang and at present Minister of Education, through the medium of Mr. Wu Kai Sien (吳開先), Chairman of the local Tangpu. He was later appointed by the Central Kuomintang Special Commissioner in charge of the labour movement in Shanghai. On relinquishing the post of Chairman of the Shanghai General Labour Union, he was appointed presiding judge of the Military Court attached to the Shanghai-Woosung Garrison Commander's Headquarters. Through his recommendation, Mr. Chu Hsueh-fan (朱學範), former clerk of the Chinese Post Office and a committee member of the Postal Workers' Union, was appointed his successor in the General Labour Union. After his appointment as presiding judge of the Military Court of the Shanghai-Woosung Garrison Commander's Headquarters, he extorted various sums of money through his position as judge from people who came before him, and shared these sums with General Yang Hu, the Garrison Commander.

After the commencement of hostilities on August 13, 1937, Mr. Loh is said to have received the sum of \$500,000 from the Central Government and to have been instructed to organize a special service corps. He in turn instructed Mr. Chu Hsueh-fan, Chairman of the General Labour Union, to carry out this secret order. A special service corps consisting of about 2,000 unemployed workers and students was subsequently organized. The members of this corps were provided only with free board but received no remunerations, although the money

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advanced was for the purpose. Inspired by a strong desire to serve their country, the members of the corps did not suspect Mr. Loh of having misappropriated part of the money he had received from the government, until after the withdrawal of the Chinese troops from the Shanghai area. The members then had the intention of demanding an explanation as to the disposal of the money, but found that he had departed from Shanghai earlier.

Pan Lien-pil

D. I.

D.C. (Special Branch)

Shanghai Daily News (上海日報), a mosquito newspaper :- 13/3/37

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST LOH CHING-DZ

Taking advantage of his official affiliations with the General Labour Union and the Postal Workers' Union and of the support accorded him by Messrs. Lu Kai-sin (盧開先), Committee member of the local Tangpu, and Fan Kung-chan (范公川), Commissioner of the Bureau of Social Affairs of the Shanghai City Government, Mr. Loh Ching-dz (羅經德) is making a very handsome fortune by exploiting the "sweat and blood" of the labouring masses. Ever since his assumption of the post of Presiding Judge of the Military

Tribunal of the former Woosung-Shanghai Defence Commissioner's Headquarters, he has more actively exploited the workers.

At one time, under the pretext of organizing a Special Affairs Corps, he was paid a monthly subsidy of several tens of thousands of dollars by the National Government, most of which eventually went to his own pocket.

On the outbreak of the present hostilities, he was handed a large sum of money by his superior officers to enlist workers to be organized into Flying Columns to assist in the operations of the Chinese forces. Loh induced the workers to work for him for \$15 per mensem, but ultimately the workers discovered the fraud. Shortly afterwards, under the pretext of finding employment for unemployed workers, he gathered a large number of innocent unemployed workers and despatched them to work at the front, but all the rewards to which these workers were entitled were misappropriated by him. This matter is known to everybody. It has not been made public simply because nobody has dared to bring an impeachment against him.

Mr. Loh is said to be in hiding in Shanghai. It is sincerely to be hoped that he will make a frank statement regarding these allegations so as to appease public indignation.

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Sin Wan Pao and other local newspapers (Nanking Telegram) :-

NEW CHIEF SECRETARY OF SHANGHAI CITY GOVERNMENT

At a conference held on October 19 by the Executive Yuan, it was resolved that Councillor Chow Yung-noen (周雍能) be appointed Chief Secretary to the Shanghai City Government.